



# Community Engagement and a Spirit of Service

New York 20th Congressional District  
116<sup>th</sup> Congress

*"When you put the needs of the people you represent above all else, that spirit of service comes through in your work & the results you deliver for your community."*

❖ Paul Tonko

## Engaging with and Serving Constituents

- Completed more than **1,750 cases for constituents** ranging from stimulus checks, social security, veterans affairs, immigration, and much more
  - Responded to more than **1,000 calls** of NY-20 residents with IRS issues, helping them to receive their economic impact payments and tax returns
- Attended nearly **1,000 District events** during the 116<sup>th</sup> session with constituents, businesses, and other NY-20 organizations
- Reached more than **10,000 constituents in COVID-19 telephone town halls** hosted with local healthcare, education and economic development leaders to discuss federal action and share resources
- Responded to more than **40,000 calls, email & letters** from constituents on COVID-19, racial justice, voting, the U.S. Postal Service & more

## Fostering Community Growth and Development

- Since March, addressed more than **350 requests for COVID-19 assistance from businesses, nonprofits and community organizations**, helping to find resources and apply for grant opportunities and loan programs
- Shared nearly 900 separate grant opportunities with individuals, nonprofit and community organizations totaling **\$234,348,034 in NY-20 funding**
  - Secured **\$1,605,564 to meet the needs of first responders and fire departments** through AFG, SAFER, and COVID Supplemental programs
- Provided more than 40 letters of support for funding applications
- Held roundtable discussions with local leaders, health officials, restaurateurs, manufacturers, education administrators, Census officials to gather input on ways in which Congress can provide support during the pandemic
  - Hosted a business webinar with dozens of local small businesses to provide COVID-19 resources from the SBA and SBDC

## Bringing Your Voice to Washington

- Fought alongside local heritage leaders to protect historic Erie Canalway with bipartisan **Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission Reauthorization Act**
- Supported local efforts and led nation-wide push to establish a national day honoring active duty troops by introducing the **Yellow Ribbon Day Resolution**
- Collaborated with Capital Region student to advance K-12 STEM learning with **A.I. Education Act** included in the National Defense Authorization Act.

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